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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 13 September 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

11 a.m. — consultations of the whole (closed) — Consultation Room

East Timor

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

10 a.m. — 12th plenary meeting — General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Saint Kitts and Nevis

China

Italy

Kuwait

Estonia

Trinidad and Tobago

Morocco

Peru

(continued overleaf)

3 p.m.	13th plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Croatia

Belgium

South Africa

Japan

Egypt

Viet Nam

Barbados

Mexico

Denmark

Burkina Faso

Mauritania

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	2nd meeting	Conference Room 4

1. Election of officers

2. Organization of work (A/C.4/55/1, A/C.4/55/L.1)

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Board of Auditors

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

Pre-session informal consultations

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

Informal consultations on all matters before the third regular session 2000

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FIFTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

General debate
(12 to 16, 18 to 22 September 2000)

The provisional list of speakers (No. 5) for the general debate of the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly is now available in room S-3001.

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the Secretary of the Credentials Committee (room S-3420A).

Live Webcast of the general debate of the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly is available on the General Assembly Web site on the Internet at: http://www.un.org/ga/55.

Delegations are invited to send in advance by e-mail the electronic version of the text of their statements in the general debate, in one of the official languages of the United Nations, to DPI@un.org for posting on the General Assembly Web site.

Announcements

Cellular telephones

Delegations are kindly requested to turn their cellular telephones rings off while attending meetings in order to maintain the orderly conduct of the proceedings of those meetings.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Wednesday, 13 September 2000

ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE:

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON AFGHANISTAN
(at the ministerial level)

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

RIO GROUP
(and Canada)

11.15 a.m.- 12.15 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77

Twelfth Annual Meeting of Senior Officials

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE:

CONTACT GROUP ON JAMMU AND KASHMIR
(at the ministerial level)

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

RIO GROUP
(and the Russian Federation)

3 p.m.- 4.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

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United Nations Institute for Training and Research

GENERAL BRIEFING ON THE WORK OF THE FIFTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 3

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There will be a closed meeting of the Group of Member States of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) (*at the ministerial level) today*, 13 September 2000, from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

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Announcement

As from Friday, 1 September 2000, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, 14 September 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

10 a.m. 14th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Lebanon

Norway

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Libyan Arab Jamahiriya

Germany

Syrian Arab Republic

Ireland

Sweden

3 p.m. 15th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Canada

Jamaica

Lithuania

Saudi Arabia

Netherlands

Algeria

Costa Rica

Romania

Jordan

Greece

Spain

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

The 2nd meeting of the First Committee will be held on Thursday, 14 September 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4, to consider the organization of work. The allocation of items is contained in document A/C.1/55/1.

Delegations wishing to participate in the general debate on disarmament and international security and related agenda items are urged to kindly inscribe their names on the list of speakers with the Secretariat of the Committee (room S-3170K; tel. (212) 963-0049), as soon possible.

Delegations are reminded that names of representatives and of alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted to Mr. Kuo-Chung Lin, Secretary of the First Committee (telefax: (212) 963-5305).

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SECOND COMMITTEE

The Second Committee will hold its 2nd meeting on Wednesday, 20 September 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1, to elect its Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur and to consider its proposed organization of work as contained in document A/C.2/55/L.1*. The list of speakers for items allocated to the Second Committee (A/C.2/55/1)* will be opened for inscription on Wednesday, 20 September 2000, at 3 p.m.

* To be issued.

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The Third Committee will hold its 2nd meeting on Friday, 15 September 2000, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1, for the purpose of electing its Vice-Chairpersons and Rapporteur and to consider and approve its organization of work (A/C.3/55/L.1)*. Information on the work programme is available at the office of the Secretary of the Third Committee (room S-2950).

The lists of speakers for all items will be opened on Wednesday, 20 September.

The Committee will begin its substantive work on Monday, 25 September, by consideration of agenda items 103 and 104.

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FIFTH COMMITTEE

The Fifth Committee will hold its 2nd meeting on Tuesday, 19 September 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 3, to consider the following issues: (a) Election of Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur; (b) Status of documentation (A/C.5/55/L.1)* and organization of work (A/C.5/55/L.2)*; (c) 17 (b) (Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: appointment of a member of the Committee on Contributions (A/55/102/Add.1 and A/C.5/55/5*)); (d) Item 122 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations): Letter dated 17 July 2000 from the President of the General Assembly addressed to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee (A/C.5/55/2); and (e) Item 117 (Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001): Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/54/L.88/Rev.1 (A/C.5/54/65).

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SIXTH COMMITTEE

Informal open-ended consultations on the organization of work of the Sixth Committee will take place on Monday, 18 September 2000, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 5.

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 34 (b): Oceans and the law of the sea

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 34 (b) (Large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing, unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and on the high seas, fisheries by-catch and discards, and other developments), will be held on Monday, 18 September 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Informal consultations on agenda item 34 (a): Oceans and the law of the sea

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 34 (a) (Consideration of elements relating to oceans and seas, including improvement of coordination and cooperation), will be held on Wednesday 20, and Thursday, 21 September 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

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International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

The Twentieth Meeting of States Parties will take place on Thursday, 14 September 2000, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1. The documents for the Meeting are CCPR/SP/56 and Add.1-4. The provisional agenda is contained in document CCPR/SP/57.

Quorum

Pursuant to article 30, paragraph 4 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the necessary quorum for the meeting is two-third of the States Parties. As there are presently 144 States Parties to the Covenant, the quorum is 96 States Parties. In the past, meetings of the States Parties have been substantially delayed or called off due to the lack of quorum. In order to avoid such occurrences, it is imperative for the States Parties to be present at the scheduled time of the meeting.

Credentials

In accordance with Rule 2 of the Revised Rules of procedure of the Meeting of the States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the credentials of representatives and the names of members of a delegation issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs should be submitted to the Secretary-General prior to the opening of the Meeting. The credentials may be brought or sent to the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (room S-2914).

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

Third regular session 2000

The third regular session 2000 of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will be held from 25 to 29 September 2000 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional agenda, annotations, list of documents and work plan are contained in document DP/2000/L.4. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

Delegations, as well as observers, are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of the Executive Board (fax: (212) 906-5634) as soon as possible, but no later than Friday, 15 September 2000.

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United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Second regular session for 2000

The second regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 18 to 20 September 2000 in Conference Room 2. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work is contained in document E/ICEF/2000/14.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be meetings of Ministers for Foreign Affairs and Heads of delegation of the Non-Aligned Movement on Thursday, 14 September 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

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There will be a meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Work-ing Group on the United Nations Reform and Security Council Expansion of the Organization of the Islamic Conference *(at the ministerial level)* on Thursday, 14 September 2000, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4.

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The Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Member States of the Group of 77 will hold their Twenty-fourth Annual Ministerial Meeting at Headquarters on Friday, 15 September 2000, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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The Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Member States of the Group of Land-locked Developing Countries will hold their first Annual Ministerial Meeting on Monday, 18 September 2000, at 10 a.m. in *Conference Room 6*.

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Panel discussion

There will be a panel discussion on "Population Agequakes: The Impact on Economic and Social Policy", co-sponsored by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), the NGO Committee on Ageing, the NGO Committee on the Status of Women and the Association of Former International Civil Servants, on Thursday, 14 September 2000, from 1.30 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the Dag Hammarsjköld Library Auditorium. Mr. Joseph Chamie, Population Division, DESA; Ms. Leticia Shahani, Secretary-General, Nairobi Conference on Women; and Ms. Aira Paivoke, Economic and Social Affairs Counsellor, Permanent Mission of the United States, will be among the speakers. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Forum

There will be a meeting of the Women's International Forum on Friday, 15 September 2000, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Mr. Peter Hain, MP, Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, United Kingdom, will speak on "The Challenges of Governance in Africa". Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Briefings

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing the following briefings for delegates from the permanent missions and capitals attending a session of the General Assembly for the first time:

1. General briefing on the work of the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly: Thursday 14 September 2000 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.;

2. Special briefing on the work of the Second Committee: Friday, 15 September, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

3. Special briefing on the work of the Fifth Committee: Friday, 15 September, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.;

4. Special briefing on the work of the Third Committee: Monday, 18 September, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.;

5. Special briefing on electronic services at the United Nations: Tuesday, 19 September, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9196).

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There will be a briefing for diplomats and the staff in the United Nations system at Headquarters on Friday, 15 September 2000, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2, by the Foreign Minister of Benin on the preparation for the Fourth International Conference on New or Restored Democracies, to be held in Cotonou, Benin, from 4 to 6 December 2000.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Tuesday, 12 September 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

10th plenary meeting

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization: presentation by the Secretary-General of his annual report on the work of the Organization (A/55/1) [10]

The Secretary-General made a presentation of his annual report on the work of the Organization (A/55/1).

Opening of the general debate [9]

The President of the General Assembly reminded the members of the decision taken by the General Assembly at its 9th plenary meeting on 11 September that congratulations should not be expressed inside the General Assembly Hall after a speech had been delivered.

In this connection, the President recalled the decision taken by the Assembly at the same meeting that speakers in the general debate, after having delivered their statements, should leave the Assembly Hall through room GA-200 at the rear of the podium before returning to their seats.

The President also reminded representatives that the list of speakers would be closed on Thursday, 14 September 2000, at 6 p.m., and requested delegations to provide estimated speaking times that were as accurate as possible, so that meetings could be planned in an orderly way.

The President recalled paragraph 21 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 51/241 whereby the Assembly indicated a voluntary guideline of up to twenty minutes for each statement in the general debate.

The General Assembly heard a statement by H.E. Mr. Luiz Felipe Palmeira Lampreia, Minister for Foreign Relations of Brazil.

The General Assembly heard a statement by H.E. Ms. Madeleine Korbel Albright, Secretary of State of the United States of America.

Address by H.E. Mr. Ismael Omar Guelleh, President of the Republic of Djibouti

H.E. Mr. Ismael Omar Guelleh, President of the Republic of Djibouti, addressed the General Assembly.

Continuation of the general debate [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Juan Francisco Reyes López, Vice-President of the Republic of Guatemala; H.E. Mr. Hubert Védrine, Minister for Foreign Affairs of France (on behalf of the European Union); H.E. The Honourable Chakra Prasad Bastola, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nepal; and H.E. The Honourable Joe Borg, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Malta.

11th plenary meeting

Continuation of the general debate [9]

The General Assembly heard a statement by H.E. Mr. Patrick Leclercq, Prime Minister, Minister of State and Director for External Relations of the Principality of Monaco.

Address by H.E. Mr. Gnassingbé Eyadéma, President of the Togolese Republic

H.E. Mr. Gnassingbé Eyadéma, President of the Togolese Republic, addressed the General Assembly.

Continuation of the general debate [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Indulis Bērziņš, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Latvia; H.E. Mr. Cheikh Tidiane Gadio, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Senegal; H.E. Mr. Erlan Idrissov, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan; H.E. Ms. Soledad Alvear Valenzuela, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Chile; H.E. Ms. Marjatta Rasi, Vice-Chairperson of the Delegation of Finland; H.E. Mr. Roberto Flores Bermúdez, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Honduras; H.E. Ms. Andrea Willi, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Culture, Youth and Sport of Liechtenstein; H.E. Ms. Nadezhda Mihailova, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bulgaria; and H.E. Mr. Guillermo Fernández de Soto, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Colombia.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. New York, 16 December 1966

Signature: Guinea-Bissau (12 September 2000)

Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. New York, 16 December 1966

Signature: Guinea-Bissau (12 September 2000)

Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty. New York, 15 December 1989

Signature: Guinea-Bissau (12 September 2000)

International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination. New York, 7 March 1966

Signature: Guinea-Bissau (12 September 2000)

Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. New York, 10 December 1984

Signature: Guinea-Bissau (12 September 2000)

Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. Rome, 17 July 1998

Signature: Guinea-Bissau (12 September 2000)

International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families. New York, 18 December 1990

Signature: Guinea-Bissau (12 September 2000)

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. New York, 6 October 1999

Signature: Guinea-Bissau (12 September 2000)

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. London, 29 June 1990

Acceptance: Tuvalu (31 August 2000)*

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. Copenhagen, 25 November 1992

Acceptance: Tuvalu (31 August 2000)*

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer adopted by the Ninth Meeting of the Parties. Montreal, 17 September 1997

Acceptance: Tuvalu (31 August 2000)*

Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards. New York, 10 June 1958

Accession: Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (12 September 2000)*

International Coffee Agreement, 1994, as extended until 30 September 2001, with modifications, by Resolution No. 384 adopted by the International Coffee Council in London on 21 July 1999. London, 30 March 1994

Accession: Zimbabwe (5 September 2000)*

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* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

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